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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS IN RUMANIA

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Rumanian medicine has also attained important successes in recent years by applying the I. P. Pavlov and other Soviet methods. In the field of archaeology, excavations started in 1949, as well as other research, have furnished illuminating answers to the important problem of ancient human settlements in the present territory of Rumania.

Recent decisions of the party and government to rebuild and embellish the cities of the country, and the construction of a subway in Bucharest further stimulate the initiative of engineers and architects.

In short, Rumanian scientists search and study the mineral riches of the country, its sources of power, the possibility of improving the soil fertility and species of plants and animals and the means to fight disease and epidemics.

On 25 November 1952 State Prizes of the RPR were awarded for science and art achievements of 1950 and 1951. Among the Rumanian scientists who were awarded prizes were the following: Prof Caius Jacob for his work Introducerea Matematica in Mecanica Fluidelor (Mathematical Introduction to the Mechanics of Fluids); Radu Cernatescu, Gheorghe Spacu, and a collective of chemists for work in chemical science; to six groups of scientists, engineers, and workers who distinguished themselves in the field of technical science; Rudolf Palocsay and a group of agricultural scientists for work in agronomy; to scientists Gheorghe Macovei, Prof Alexandru Codarcea, and Prof M. Socolescu for work in research and exploration of subsoil resources; to Prof Mihail Ciuca, Stefan S. Nicolau, and Nicolae Hortolomei for studies and work in medicine.

State Prizes were also awarded to workers and technicians who brought about radical improvements in production methods, such as brigade leaders Ioan Popa, Timoftei Prunache, and Gheorghe Enescu, engineer Stefan Gabor, Stakhanovite Dumitru Arjan, foreman Marin Preda, and mechanic Avram Gavrila.

#### NEW DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- Bucharest, Viata Capitalei, 26 Nov 52

Rumanian scientists and technicians have made numerous new discoveries and developed new methods. These include the following: study of fatty acids through oxidation of paraffin, mathematical introduction to the mechanics of fluids, mass production of the I.P.I. Victoria 250 lathe, Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steam Electric Station at Doicești, development and production of new oil well equipment, development of new types of cereal plants, new exploration and exploitation work on the subsoil resources of Rumania, work on chemotherapy of malaria, improvement and application of rapid drilling methods, development of progressive ideas in science, technology, art, and literature.

To show their appreciation for the achievements in science, workers proposed a number of scientists as candidates for the Frontul Democratic Popular (People's Democratic Front). In addition scientists were awarded State Prizes. It is significant to note that in 1949 the state awarded 19 first-class prizes and 21 second-class prizes, in 1950 - 1951 the state awarded 37 first-class prizes, 53 second-class prizes, and 27 third-class prizes for a total of 117 prizes.

#### DEVELOPS NEW PLANT SPECIES -- Vienna, Nachrichten aus der Rumanischen Volksrepublik, 1 Aug 52

Rudolf Palocsay, formerly a gardner, is an outstanding disciple of Michurin, both in theory and practise. Many years ago, he began hybridizing various flowers, particularly roses, gladioli, and dandelions. He organized a research farm on the edge of Cluj. Today he is a scientist of the RPR Academy. Palocsay's Michurin garden now contains 1,300 fruit trees, research hybrids, 13,000 <sup>[sic]</sup> varieties of gladioli, and hundreds of other plants, including lemons and tropical beets, in hotbeds and greenhouses. He developed a new variety of peach, with a

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high resistance to insects, by grafting peach on bitter almond. This hybrid produces a large, delicious peach weighing 200 to 300 grams. He also developed a new variety of tomato in 1951 by crossing tomato plants with pepper plants (Pfefferschoten). The new fruit has a higher vitamin content than either of the components. Both the new peach and the tomato are resistant to plant lice. They will soon be delivered in large quantities to consumer cooperatives.

DEVELOPS NEW TOMATO AND FLOWER VARIETIES -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 28 Nov 52

Rudolf Palocsay is a Cluj Regiune deputy, vice-president of the Permanent Agricultural Commission, lecturer on forestry and viticulture at the Agricultural Institute, Cluj, and genetics lecturer at Bolyai University. He developed a perennial sunflower species, known as Helianthus Amnuss, and developed a perennial tomato by crossing the tomato with a wild plant called Plyrsalis alkekenye.

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